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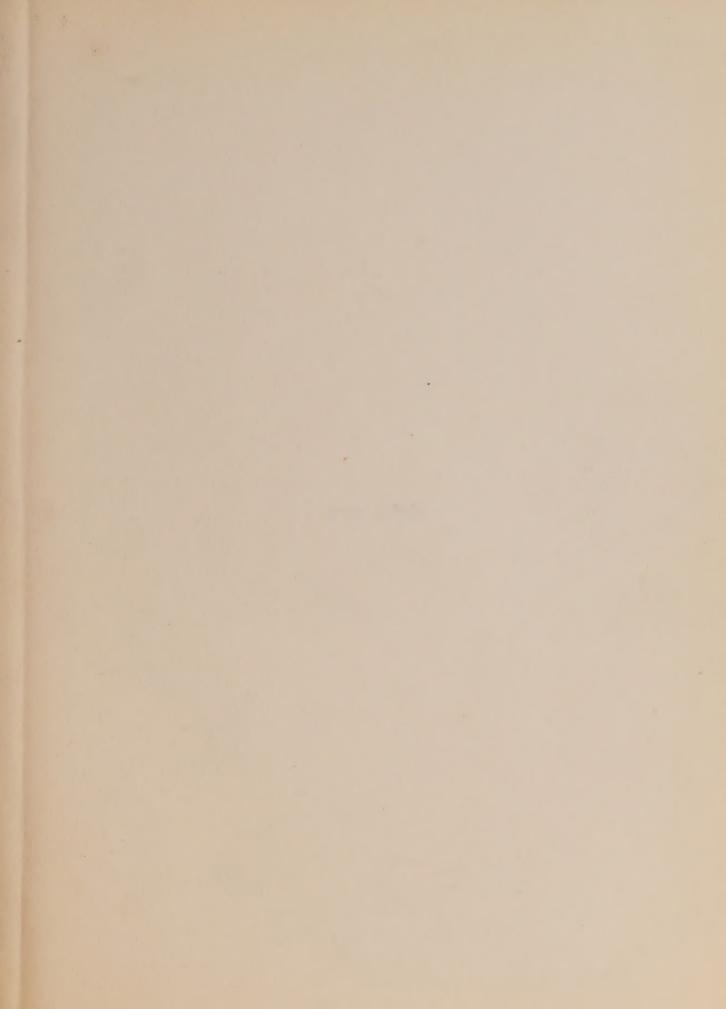
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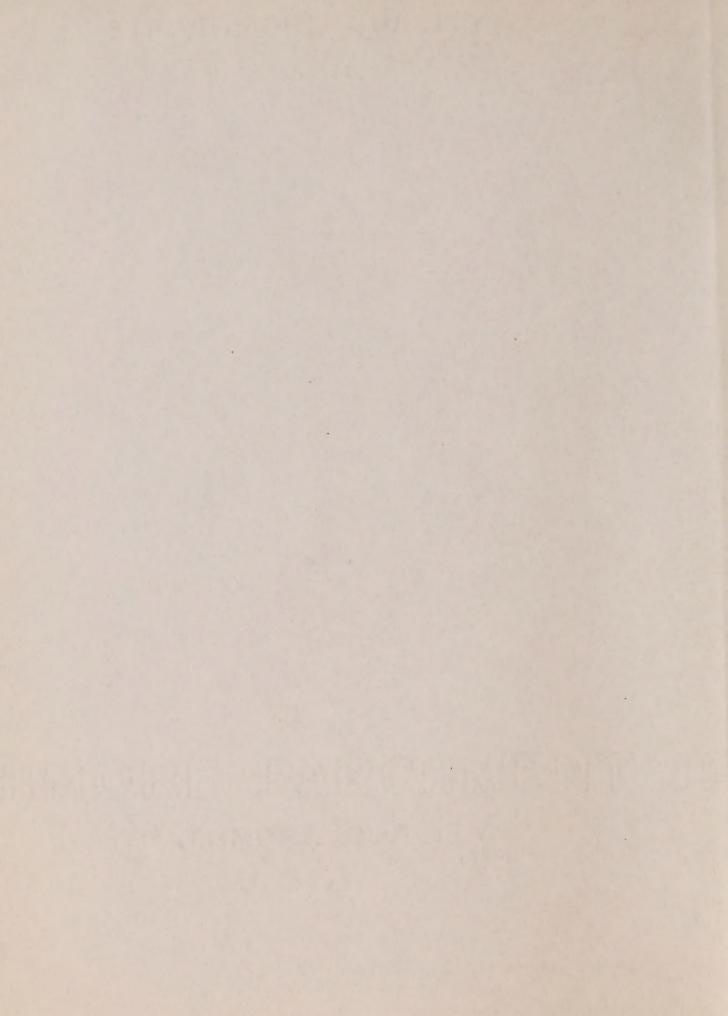
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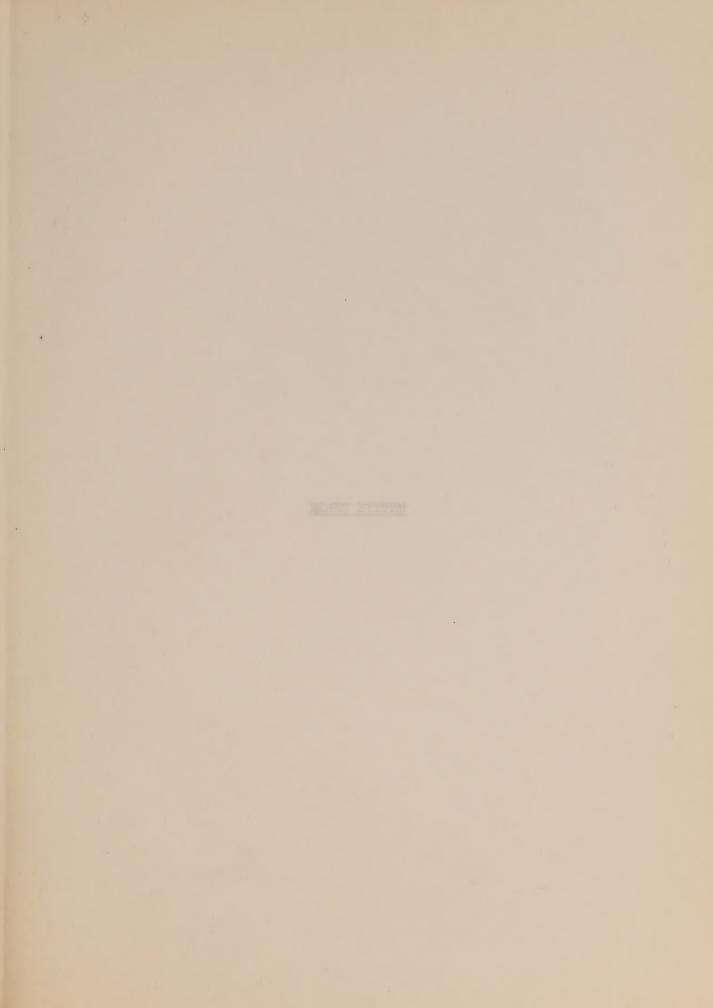
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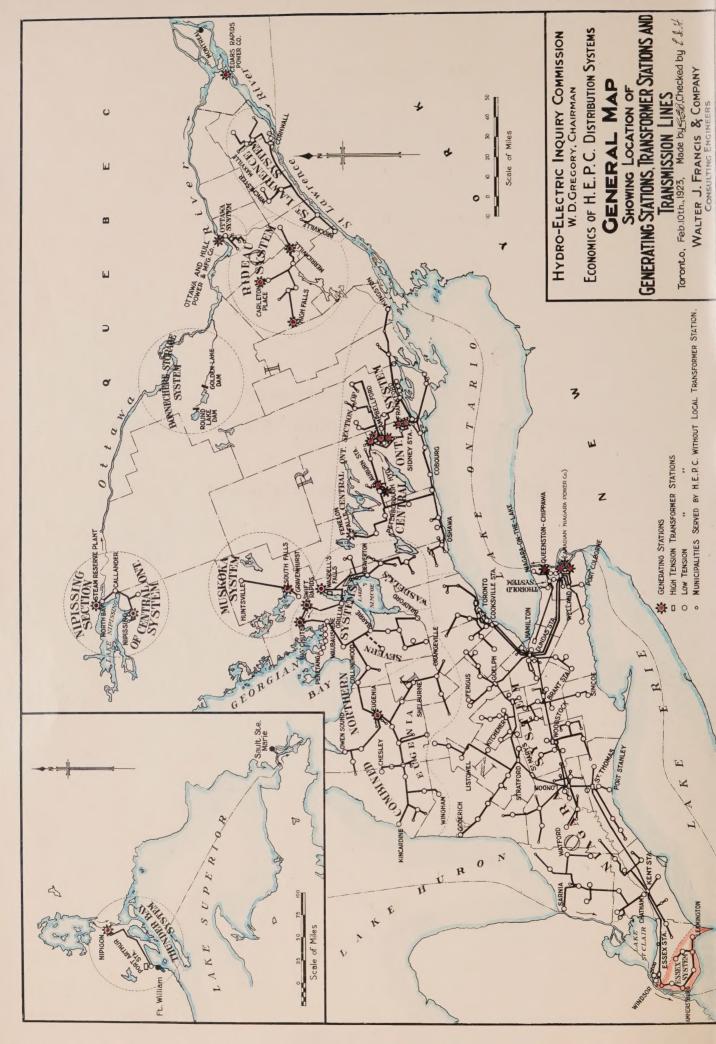




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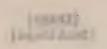
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Mr. Chairman and Gehtlemen,-

In accordance with the letter to your Commission under date of November 4th, 1922, and your confirmation of the general instructions under date of November 15th, 1922, a study has been made of the engineering economics of the Essex System of electrical distribution operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The work has been done under the direct personal supervision of Mr. Frederick B. Brown, M. Sc., V.H.I.C., a partner in the firm of Walter J. Francis & Company, in accordance with your instructions.

The subject has been discussed with Mr. Commissioner M. A. hoss in detail, and, generally, with Mr. Bower, the Secretary of your Commission, and constant communication has been maintained with the officials of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

The reports of Messrs. Frice, "aterhouse & Co. have been used as the basis of the financial figures given herein, and reference has been made to the records of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario where it was necessary to do so to prepare the diagrams.

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It is understood that it is not within the scope of the instructions to examine into any of the legal aspects of the System nor to discuss any of the Acts of the Legislature relating to it.

The necessary technical data has required considerable preparation as much of it is only available in the operating records of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The printed reports contain a part, but these have had to be supplemented by interviews with various officials, and by searching the voluminous records both at the head office in Toronto and elsewhere.

The general plan under which the report of the studies is presented may be outlined as follows:

- (1) A short review of the Query and evolution of the System.
- (2) A brief physical description of the System.
- (3) A brief discussion regarding the characteristics of the local market.
- (4) A discussion of progressive capital costs.
- (5) Statistics regarding progressive revenues for various classes of service, with discussion thereon.
- (6) Statistics regarding progressive operating costs and fixed charges, with discussion thereon.
- (7) Analysis of the reserve accounts.
- (8) Statistics showing progressive and accumulated deficits or surpluses, with discussion thereon.
- (9) Analysis of progressive operating records and of unit revenues per horse-power per annum and of unit costs per horse-power per annum.
- (10) A brief discussion of the various important points concerning the System.

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The report included herewith as pages 4 to 41 inclusive refers in detail to that portion of the activities of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission known as the Essex System. References are made to the inter-connection of this System with other Systems.

Throughout the report diagrams have been included in the order of the text, while the map included as a frontispiece shows the System generally and its geographical relation to all the other Systems operated by the Hydro-Electric mass commission of Ontario.

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ESSEX SYSTEM

Frederick B. Brown, M. Sc.

Evolution and Development of the System.

In January, 1914, the Esser County Light and Fower Company, Limited, which was owned by the Detroit Edison Company, began to deliver power to the Towns of Amberstburg and Kingsville and the Village of Harrow. Through the assignment of rights by the Amherstburg Light, Heat & Power Company, Limited, and the Kingsville Electric Light Company, Livited, it had acquired franchises for the distribution of power in these towns. It continued to extend its system and before the end of 1914 was also distributing power in the Village of Canard River and in the Town of Essex where it had acquired the franchise and rights of the Essex Light and Power Company, Limited. In 1915 transmission lines and distributing systems were built for the Village of Cottam and the Town of Leamington where the franchise of the Leamington Light & Heat Company, Limited, had been taken over. The Besex County Light and Fower Company. Limited, supplied these manicipalities with power from their steam generating plant near the City of Windsor. When the demand for power outgrew the capacity of this station they arranged with the Canadian Sait Company, Limited, to install steam-turbine-driven generating equipment in the works of the latter company at Sandwich to augment the supply of power.

At the request of the municipalities concerned the Mydro-Electric Power Commission entered into negotiations with the Company for the purchase of the System and on May 22nd, 1918, made an agreement with the Essex County Light and

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Power Company, Limited, by which the Commission acquired certain of their transmission lines, stations and distributing systems. The purchase price was paid and the transaction completed on June 1st, 1918.

The assets of the Essex County Light and Power Company, Limited, acquired by the Commission were described in the agreement as follows:

- (a) The goodwill of the said business.
- (b) All the freehold and leasehold lands, essements and interests in the lands owned by the Vendor.
- (c) All the plant, machinery, furniture, patents, licenses, stock in trade, stores, goods, chattels, property and effects, to which the Vendor is entitled, or half and in use by the Vendor or to which the Vendor is entitled in connection with the said business.
- in Schedule "A" hereto attached and forming part of this agreement.

 all the rights of the Vendor thereunder and the full benefit thereof,

 and all other pending contracts and engagements or existing franchises

 to which the Vendor is or may be entitled in connection with its said

 business.
- (c) All the other property to which the Vender is entitled in connection with the said business except all the Vender's cash, promissory notes, book accounts and other bills and accounts receivable to which the Vender is entitled on the Slst of May, 1918.

From the property described above the Power Company reserved to itself the real estate and substation equipment in the Town of Sandwich, the steam turbine plant installed in the works of the Canadian Salt Company at Sandwich, the

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the Sandwich substation and the works of the Canadian Salt Company at Windsor, which were in part strung on the poles of the transmission lines sold to the Commission. It also reserved to itself all the stock of merchandise on hand for sale to customers, the intention apparently being to sell to the Commission under the items "stock in trade and stores" only the material on hand for repairs to lines and equipment.

The franchises acquired from the Essex County Light and Power Company,
Limited, gave the right to transmit or distribute power in the Townships of
Sandwich West, Anderson, Malden, Colchester North, Colchester South, Gosfield
Worth, Gosfield South and Merse, In the Towns of Amberstburg, Essex,
Kingsville and Leamington. The transmission lines acquired consisted of about
55 miles of 26,400-volt lines, extending over a considerable part of the County
of Essex. They connected the transformer and distributing stations in the
Amnicipalities of Leamington, Kingsville, Essex, Amberstburg, Harrow, Cottam
and Canard River. A local distributing system was supplied by each of these
stations.

The System had been supplied with current at 60 cycles frequency, and it was therefore necessary to make extensive replacements and alterations to the equipment before power could be taken from the Miagara System at 25 cycles. To supply the System while these changes were being made an agreement was entered into with the Canadian Salt Company at the time the System was purchased. By the agreement this Company continued to supply power to the System from the steam turbine plant set up in their works at Sandwich, until such time as the Commission was ready to take power from the Miagara System. The Detroit Edison

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students have a broken beauty more and the The price paid to the Essex County Light and Power Company for the assets covered by the agreement was \$226,000 and this was paid in Hydro-Electric Power DANGER OF SELECTION Commission of Ontario debenture, purinted by the Province of Ontario, as follows: the steer plant building has earlied as early building the plants and property and

\$200,000 4% Forty-year Debentures 5% Ten-year Debentures 26,000 \$226,000

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and a section of transmission line connecting the Town of Sandwich with the System. The total value of the discarded equipment amounted to \$21,425.19 at October 31st, 1921, and this amount has been charged to intangible capital. To offset this charge there were received, when the System was purchased, automobile trucks, office equipment, materials and supplies, which had not been included in the inventory on which the purchase price was based, amounting to \$5.806.67. This amount, together with the value of the discarded equipment, etc., which has since been sold, has reduced the intangible capital to \$6.885.91 at October 31st, 1921.

The Commission constructed a feeder line to connect this System with the Essex Transformer station of the iscara system. It has also converted the old steam plant building into an office and stores building and has extended the local distributing systems. The total additions to capital costs since the System was acquired amount to \$149.141; of this amount \$147.721 was made in 1918 and 1919, \$62.216 of which was for new 25-cycle equipment to replace the criginal 60-cycle equipment.

The Essex System is operated entirely by the Commission both as to transmission lines and local distributing systems. There are no contracts with the municipalities by which the Commission is to supply power at cost. The System, therefore, differs from most of the other systems in that none of the municipalities supplied can be classed as "Hydro Municipalities". There is only one rural district, "Leamington District No. 1", on the System, and this is supplied from the Leamington substation.

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Description of the System-

General.

The Essex System may be described as serving the westerly and southerly part of the County of Essex. The transmission lines extend from the Essex transformer station south east of Windsor to Canard River, thence south to Amherstburg, and east from there to Leamington near the easterly boundary of the county. A spur also runs from Kingsville to reach Cottam and the Town of Essex near the centre of the county.

The map included as a frontispice shows the whole of the transmission systems of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario with the location of generating stations, high voltage transformer stations, high voltage transmission lines and low voltage transformer stations clearly indicated, and shows the various systems in their relation to one another. The tinted portion of the map indicates the Essex System.

The map included as page 10 shows the Basex System on a larger scale and also gives the names of the different centres concerned. It also shows the Biagara System which is adjacent to and connected with the Essex System.

Speaking broadly the Essex System consists of transmission lines and distributing lines serving seven municipalities and one rural district.

Sources of Power Supply.

There are now no local generating stations which are used as a source of supply for the Essex System. The entire supply of power for the System is

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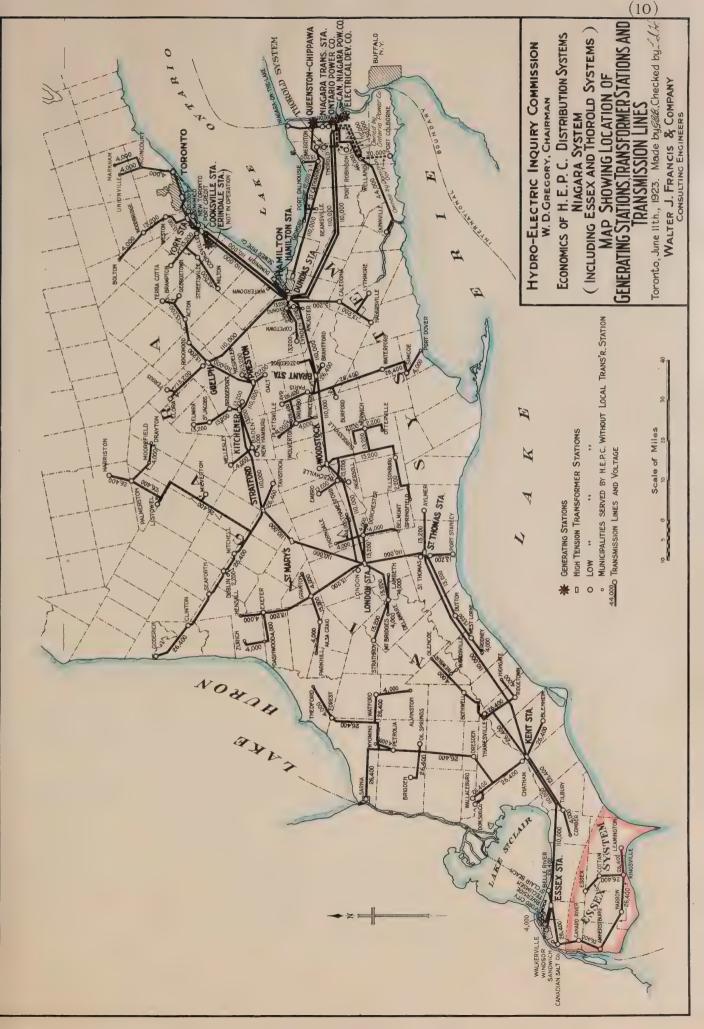
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purchased from the Niagara System of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and supplied through the Resex transformer station of that System. The Essex System has no high voltage transformer station of its own.

Kiscellaneous Power Plants in the District.

originally the steam generating plant of the Essex County Light and Power Company, Limited. This plant was purchased and dismantled by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, the equipment sold, and the building converted into an office and stores building. There is steam turbine generating plant in the works of the Canadian Salt Company at Sandwich from which power was obtained for the System until February lat. 1919, when it was connected with the Essex transformer station of the Fiagara System after being changed over to take power at 25 cycles instead of 50 cycles as previously supplied to it. The plant in the works of the Canadian Salt Company is a steam-turbine-driven generating unit of 750-K.W.. 3-phase, 60-cycles, 2,300-volts.

Transmission Lines.

The transmission lines of the Essex System consist of about 63 miles of 26.400-volt lines and about 8 miles of 4.000-volt lines as indicated on the map on page 10. These lines are all of wooden pole construction and present no extraordinary features. They were built by the Essex County Light and Power Company in 1914 and 1915 and the tie line to the Essex transformer station of the Miagara System was built by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in 1918 and

Transmitation Lines.

 1919. It may be noted that the average span is 160 feet whereas the normal span for similar lines on other systems is about 130 feet.

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Transformer and Distributing Stations.

The transformer and distributing stations at Amherstburg and Kingsville are brick buildings about 24° x 26° x 18°, those at Canard River, Cottam.

Essex and Harrow are pole type stations, and the station at Leamington is an outdoor steel structure. At Amherstburg, Kingsville and Leamington the voltage is reduced to 4,000, at Essex and Harrow to 2,300, and at Canard River and Cottam to 250 volts for local distribution.

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The stations are all of small capacity, Amherstburg being the largest with transformers of 300-K.V.A. capacity and Canard River and Cottam the smallest with 25-K.V.A. capacity. The total transformer capacity of all the stations amounted to 1,025 K.V.A. on October 31st, 1921. The details of the different stations are given in the table below for that date.

Table of Transformer Stations

Location	K.V.A.	Voltage		
	Capacity	E.V.	T.A.	
Imherstburg	300	26,400 %	4,000	
Canard River	25 mgs v 2 2 1 m	26,400	230	
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Bacox	160	26,400	2,500	
Earrow	75	26,400	2,300	
Ringsville	225	** ***	4,000	
Leamington	225	26,400	4,000	

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Local Distributing Systems.

It is stated that no contracts have been made between the Hydro-Electric

Power Commission and the municipalities supplied with power by the Essex System.

The Commission continues to operate the distributing systems and to supply

power under the franchises granted to the Essex County light and Power Company or

assigned to it by other companies, all the rights of these franchises having

been taken over by the Commission when the System was bought from the Essex

County Light and Power Company. The accounting for the municipalities of the

Basex System is therefore in the general accounts of the Commission for the

System, and the details for the prices municipalities are not given in the

snumble reports.

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Characteristics of Market.

Population Served.

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The latest figures available, those for 1921, give the population of the towns on the System as follows:

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				SOX			1,470
			Ki	ngsville			1,827
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It is stated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission that the total population of the district served is about 10,500, the population of Camard River, Harrow, Cottam and the First Concession district would therefore be about 1,000

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people. The district served by the System is a good farming country, with small towns and villages well distributed through it but there are no industries located in the district which use power in large quantities. We information has been made available as to the number of consumers on the System or in the different municipalities served by the System.

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The larger centres of population in the district are now all served by the System and any rapid increase in the population served can only come about by the building up of an extensive system of ural distribution.

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The power purchased by the System has, however, risen rapidly from 440 M.P. in 1919 to 1,206 H.P. in 1922, and as the point of saturation for domestic consumption has apparently not by any means been reached it is reasonable to assume that the load will continue to increase, though at a reduced rate, and might reach 2,000 H.P. within five or six years.

This figure, of course, does not include power which might be taken by industries, requiring large amounts of power, which might locate in the district.

There are no local sources of supply of power except the steam plant at the Canadian Salt Company's works at Sandwich and this is not now large enough to supply the System, nor does there appear to be any source of power for the Resex System which might be substituted for Niagara Falls. Power will undoubtedly continue to be supplied to the Resex System through the transmission lines of the Niagara System of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario from the plants of the Commission at Niagara Falls.

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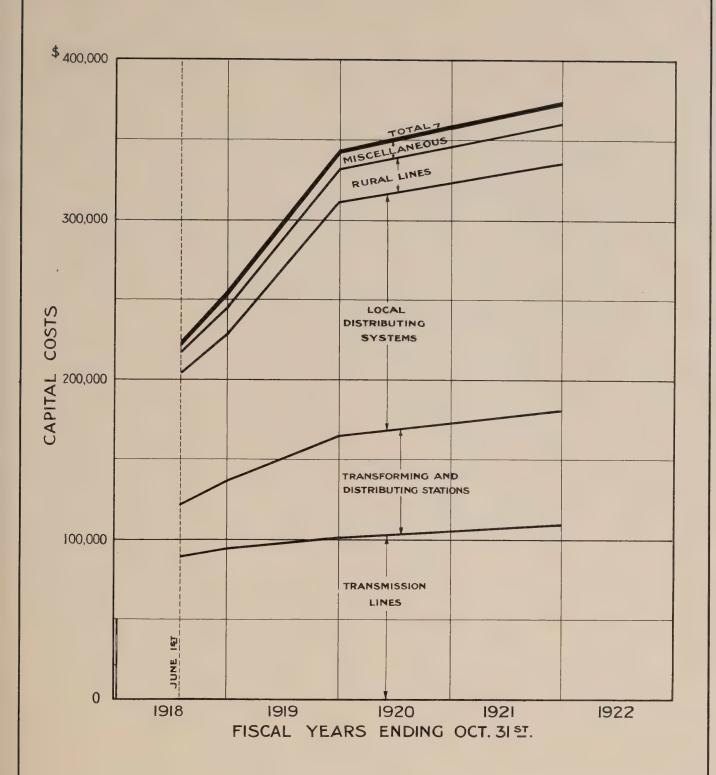
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these make up \$6,056, the value given for miscellaneous capital assets.

For the year 1921, Exhibit I of the report gives the value of transmission lines, stations, franchises, goodwill, etc., as \$367,156, and miscellaneous items \$6.620, making a total of \$372,776. In Exhibit KIII of the report of Messra. Price. Waterhouse & Co. to the Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission, entitled "Memorandum re Analysis of Capital Assets of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and of Controlled and Operating Companies and Systems", dated August 2nd, 1922, Hydro-Electric Inquiry Commission file 93-a-2, the distribution of the amount of \$367,156 over the different items is given. The "Amount in Excess of Book Value of Assets at Date of Acquisition" shown as \$6,886. has been distributed over the different items in the proportion they originally bore to each other. Therefore the division for this year also must be considered as approximate only. The value of Leamington General Office, \$6,972, has been included under "miscellaneous". There is no information available by which the distribution of the total capital assets for the intervening years can be made and they have in consequence been left blank in the table and on the sheet of curves included as page 17 of this report and which is a graphic representation of the figures in the table. The known points have simply been joined by dotted lines to indicate the trend of the changes for the intervening years. PUSCAL YEARS ENDING DET. WILL

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Table of Progressive Capital Costs

Capital Assets As	at June	lst,	s at Year	Ending	October 31	st,
Intangible Values	1918	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
Transmission Lines	\$89,952				\$108,602	
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ing Stations	31,934	34		3	72.527	
ocal Distributing Systems	82,476				154,626	
dural Lines	11,472				24,241	
iscellaneous .	6,056				12.780	
Totals	\$221.890	\$253,172	\$543,247	\$359.397	\$372,776	-

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of the total increase of \$150,886 in capital costs, \$121,357 was expended previous to October 31st, 1919 in the first seventeen months after the System was purchased by the Commission 32 216 being expended for 25-cycle equipment to replace the 60-cycle equipment in use on the System when it was purchased. The remainder covers the cost of the new transmission line built to connect the System with the Essex transformer station of the Niagara System, the cost of converting the old steam plant into an office and stores building and various improvements to existing transmission lines and distribution stations and systems. Since October 31st, 1919, the capital expenditure has been small and represents improvements and small extensions made principally to the distribution systems which stood at \$154,626 at October 31st, 1921.

Power Data.

The following table and the sheet of curves included as page 20 of this report show the characteristics of the Essex System in terms of horse-power.

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Power Date.

Table of Horse-power Purchased, etc.

LXXII	1919	Fiscal Year 1920	Ending October	51st,
H.P. Purchased	440	972	1090	1206
H.P. Average of Monthly Peaks	440	972	1090	1206
H.P. Maximum Yearly Peak	631	1126	1218	1307

The figures given in the table were obtained from the engineers of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. The figures for horse-power billed are not available and it is stated by the engineers of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission that no kilowatt-hour data for the System are available. It is in consequence not possible to obtain the "average horse-power consumed by the System".

The figures for horse-power purchased represent the power taken by the AGO |
System from the Essex transformer station of the Miagara System. Although
the System has been in operation since June 1st. 1918, no figures for power in 1918 are given. Power used in that period was purchased from the Canadian Salt Company on a kilowatt-hour basis and no record of peaks, etc., appears to have been kept.

Average Monthly Peaks.

The figures of average monthly peaks were obtained by taking the sum of the monthly peaks as shown in the records of the Commission and dividing by twelve to get an average monthly peak.

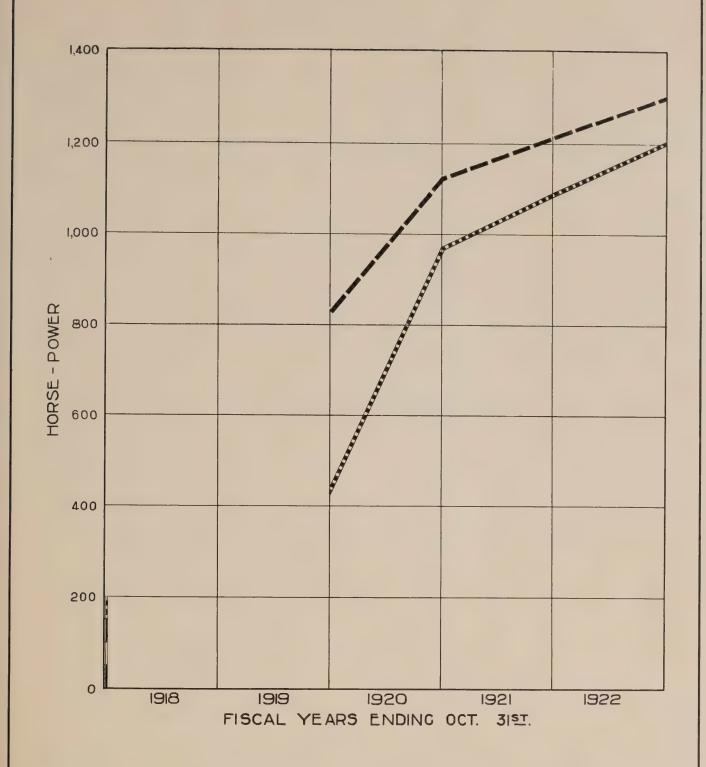
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Maximum Yearly Peak.

The figures for maximum yearly peak represent the greatest quantity of power taken at any time throughout the year.

The curves on page 20 have been plotted directly from the figures in the table and show the table in graphic form.

Capital Costs per Horse-power Purchased.

The following table shows the fractional capital costs per horse-power purchased for the year 1921 and the total capital cost per horse-power for the other years. These figures are based on those in the table of progressive capital costs given on page 16 and in the table of "Horse-power Purchased" given on page 19. As previously explained it has been impossible to allocate the capital costs for the years 1919 and 1920 under different headings, and in consequence, only the total cost per horse-power purchased can be shown for these years.

Table of Capital Costs per Horse-power Purchased

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There is no heading for generating plants in the table of capital costs per horse-power purchased as there are none on the Essex System, all power being purchased. The high capital costs per horse-power are due to the comparatively great length of transmission lines for a system using so little power and to the fact that all the local distributing systems are included in the capital costs.

There is no separate main receiving station for the System, each distributing station of the Essex System takes its power as required from the lines fed by the Essex transformer station of the Biagara System. This being the case, if it should be desired to obtain the cost per horse-power installed it would be necessary to consider the horse-power installed as the sum of the capacities of the individual stations. This was about 1,100 horse-power in 1921.

Total Annual Revenues.

The figures for the total annual revenues of the Essex System have been taken from Exhibit II of the report of Price. Waterhouse & Co., and are revenues from the sale of lower only. The revenue has not been distributed between the Power and Municipal Departments as they essentially operate together. The Essex System has in this respect been considered as if it were operating as a private growing to the commence of the contract of the company.

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Period Total Revenues per Annum

June	1st, 19	18 to 0	tober	lst,	1918
Year	Ending	October	31st,	1919	
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The total annual revenues have been plotted as a curve on page 35 and their relation is there shown to the total annual cost and the annual and accumulated profits or deficits.

Total Annual Costs of Power.

The total annual operating costs of the Essex System have not been separated into the cost of the power system and the cost of the local distributing systems. Since the whole system is owned and operated entirely by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission it has been considered as an entity.

The table on page 25 hows the post of power subdivided under various headings for the years 1918 to 1921 inclusive and the sheet of curves included as page 26 shows these figures plotted in graphic form. The figures have been taken from Exhibit II and Exhibit II-b of the Price, Waterhouse & Co. report.

The figures for the total annual costs of power are also shown graphically by one of the curves on page 35 in their relation to total annual revenues and annual and accumulated profits or deficits. The items comprising the total annual costs have been grouped under the following headings:

Power Purchased.

A separate heading for power purchased has been included for the reason that no power is generated on this System and the charge for the purchase of power is much the largest single item in the total annual cost of power. The amount shown for each year is the total charge to the Essex System for power purchased

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from the Niagara System of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and includes its proportion of administrative expense.

Operating Costs.

Operating costs include the wages of transforming and distributing station operators, linemen, attendants and so forth, supplies and miscellaneous items usually grouped under this heading.

Maintenance.

Under this heading have been grouped all the items shown in Exhibit II-b of the Price. Waterhouse & Co. report including items for transmission lines. stations and local systems. Both labour and materials which can properly be charged to maintenance are included.

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Overhead and General Mxpense.

Under the heading of overhead and general expense are grouped such items as salaries of local officers and clerks, office supplies, stores operation, taxes, insurance, uncollectable accounts, promotion of business and head office administration, all in accordance with Exhibit II-b of the Price, Waterhouse & Co. report. The totals for these items have been reduced by the amount of "miscellaneous income" shown in Exhibit II of the report, as it was considered that this amount was properly an overhead credit and should not be included with power revenues.

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Interest, Renewals, Sinking Fund.

The figures for these various headings have been taken directly from the report of Messrs. Price, Naterhouse & Co.

Table of Total Annual Costs of Power

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		1918	1919	1920	Oct. 31st. 1921
Power Purchased		\$11,528	\$22,239	\$29.895	\$ 34.875
Operation		1.097	3,603	4,865	4.398
Maintenance		2,200	7,268	15,929	13,954
Overhead and General Exp	ense	5,421	10,696	9,116	12,542
Interest		4,199	15,231	18,262	19,100
Renewals		3,716	9,884	12,759	13.738
Sinking Fund		1,719	4,270	4,270	4,270
Totals		\$29,941	\$73,191	\$95,097	\$102,869

It is to be noted that no reserve for contingencies has been made in any year.

The revenues fell short of covering the costs by \$12,687 in the five months ending October 31st, 1918; by \$19,295 in the year 1919; and by \$9,335 in 1920, giving a total accumulated deficit of \$41,317 at that date. In 1921 there was a surplus of \$8,551, and it is stated that the surplus for 1922 will amount to about \$24,000, thus reducing the accumulated deficit to about \$3,800 at October 31st, 1922.

The Essex System, as previously stated, is owned entirely by the HydroElectric Power Commission and there are no contracts with municipalities by

Which any loss sustained is made up in the cost of power to them in the following

Year. The operating deficit has apparently been partially met by using the

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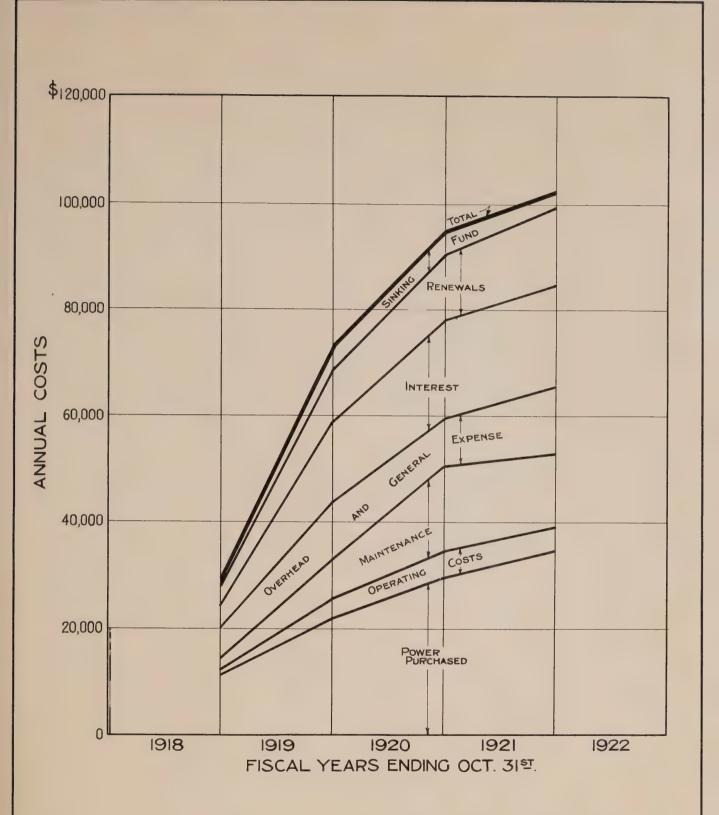
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that the amounts as shown to the credit of these accounts are in part bookkeeping credits only and the total amount shown will not actually exist until the accountated deficit will have been wiped out.

Percentage Costs of Power.

The following table and the sheet of curves included as page 28 show the angual cost figures as percentages of the total cost of power per angum and these are included as a method of comparison with other systems or similar properties:

Table of Annual Sate Subdivided by Percentages

Ω 30 }	June 1st, to Oct. 31st, 1918	Fi scal 1919	Year Ending 1920	October 31s	
Power Turchased	38.5	30.4	31.5	33.	9
Operation	8.7	4.9	5.1	4.	3
Maintenance	7.3	9.9	16.7	15.	6
Overhead and General Expense	18.1	14.6	9.6	12.	
Interest	14.0	20.9	19.2	18.	6
Remowals	12.5	13.6	13.4	13.	3
Sinking Pund	5.9	5.8	4.5	4.	
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		

Analysis of Reserve Accounts.

Renewals Account.

Shortly after the acquisition of the System on June 1st, 1918, an appraisal was made by the engineers of the Commission for the purpose of determining the

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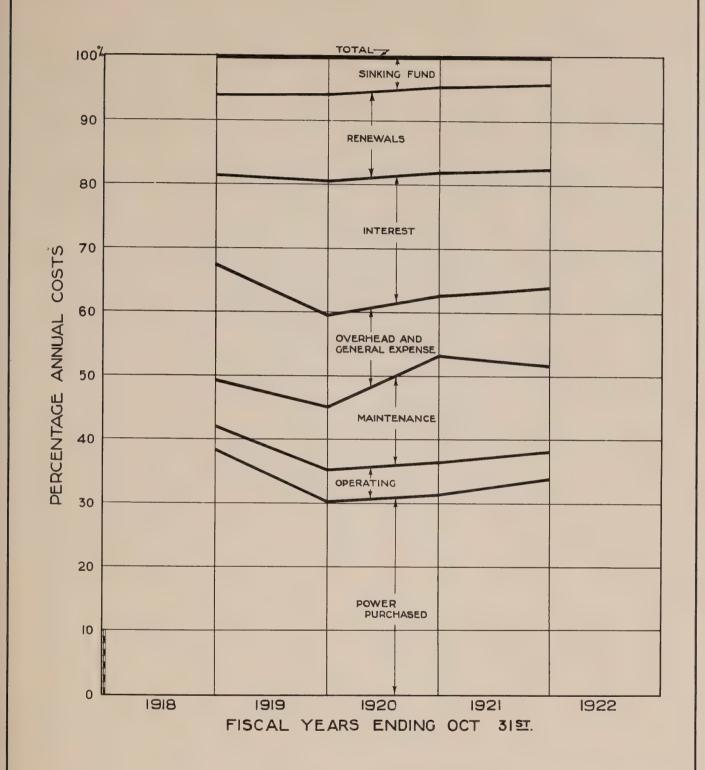
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amount of depreciable capital and the percentage to be used in setting aside reserves for renewals. This appraisal shows that the depreciable assets amounted to about \$225.567. The division of this amount into different classes of properties is shown in the table below which has been taken from the report of Messrs. Price. Waterhouse & Co. on the Essex System. The percentages, when figuring on a sinking fund basis, used in determining the amount to be set aside yearly for renewals of the different classes of property, and the amount to be set aside so set aside animally are also shown in the table.

The percentage rates applied on the transmission lines and distributing stations are the same as those applied to the similar properties on the Miagara System and take into account the standard life and the residual value, etc. of each article making up the properties.

The rate used for distributing systems is the one recommended by the Commission for use by municipalities operating similar systems and is determined in a similar manner to that for transmission lines and distributing stations.

Table of Depreciable Capital and Reserve for Renewals, 1918

Classification of Properties	Capital	Percentages use	ed Annual Provision
	Investment	(Sinking Fund Base	sis) Required
Wood Pole Lines Distributing Stations Distributing Systems	\$104,353	4.20	\$ 4,383
	33,493	3.35	1,122
	87,722	4.00	3,50 9
Total (Exclusive of Old Plant)	\$225,568	AND	\$ 9,014

This works out as an average percentage of 5.996 and the renewal rate was established on a 4 per cent. basis on the depreciable capital which on this System is practically the total capital assets.

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The annual provision for reserves for renewals on a 4 per cent. sinking fund basis with interest at 4 per cent. would accumulate a reserve equal to the depreciable capital on which the reserve was calculated in a period of about eighteen years, provided no charges were made against the reserve.

It is stated that it is the practice of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to maintain the System in a condition for economical operation which is stated to be about 75 per cent. as good as the original new condition and that the expense of doing so is charged to maintenance. In consequence of this practice it was considered in this report that the reserve for renewals should be considered in its relation to the balance, namely to 25 per cent. of the depreciable capital.

At October 31st, 1921 the depreciable capital was about \$372,000, and 25 per cent. of this amount is \$93,000. So long as the practice of charging to maintenance all expenditures necessary to keep the plant up to 75 per cent. of its new condition is continued, this amount of \$95,000 would be all that the renewals reserve would have to cover. The renewals reserves at October 31st, 1921, amounted to about \$41,685, which appears to be ample; and, if the present rate of making annual additions to the reserves be maintained with interest compounded in the usual way, the renewals reserves soon will become unnecessarily large.

It is stated that lately the various heads of the departments of the Eydro-Electric Power Commission have been studying the question of depreciation rates and the proper allowance for useful length of life for each kind of equipment and that they have come to the conclusion that the rates formerly allowed have been too high; in other words, the actual deterioration of the various parts of the System has not been so great as was expected. It is stated that they have prepared figures to show that their former practice was too conservative in

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allowing for estimated useful life, and they have, therefore, suggested that the renewal allowance on a sinking fund basis be considerably reduced in the annual charges. If this suggestion be adopted it would have the effect of building up the reserve fund in future at a slower rate, and of correspondingly reducing the annual costs and consequently reducing the total annual cost of power.

There are a number of points which should receive careful attention in dealing with the question of these reserves for renewals. One is the proportion of the yearly expense for renewals which is to be charged to maintenance.

Another is the proposed charge in the estimated length of useful life of various portions of the equipment, which all restrictly affect the annual allowance.

A third is the question of the proper rate of interest to be chosen in estimating the earning power for the reserve fund. A strict theory of the earning power of the renewal fund should take into account not only the method of investing the fund, for example, whether it be used in making extensions and betterments in the System as has actually been done, or invested in separate securities and treated like a trust fund, but also the rate of annual interest which should be adjusted each year in accordance with the actual value of money. The legal limitations of the allowable investment of the fund should also be kept in mind in this connection.

Sinking Fund.

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municipalities under which power is supplied at cost. Apparently under these circumstances the Power Commission Act does not require the establishment of a sinking fund for the retirement of the bonds of the Commission guaranteed by the Province of Ontario which were issued in payment for the System, nor for the retirement of the cash advances made by the Commission and the Province to the System since it was acquired.

In Mr. Clarkson's report for the year ending October 31st, 1921, it is stated "With no municipalities under contract with the Commission to pay cost for power delivered by the Essex System there would also appear to be no provisions in the Power Commission Act requiring the establishment of sinking funds for repayment of the advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and an advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and an advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and an advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and an advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and an advances by the Province and the Commission to the Essex and the Commission to the Esse

However, notwithstanding this statement, in each year since the acquirement of the System by the Commission there has been set aside an amount for sinking fund which, if the practice be continued, will be sufficient to meet the bonds given in purchase of the System at their maturity.

At October 31st, 1921, the sinking fund payments with interest amounted to about \$15,329, but with the total deficit from operations to that date amounting to \$32,766, the amount of sinking fund had not been collected by the Commission but was included in the deficit. The annual report for the year ending October 31st, 1922, is not yet available, but it is stated that at that date the deficit had been reduced to about \$8,800. It is probable that the deficit will be entirely wiped out in the year ending October 31st, 1923, and when this result has been attained the amount to the credit of sinking fund account will be

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 available for investment in securities of the Province if it should be decided to utilize it in that way.

No provision, however, is apparently being made for sinking fund payments on the cash advances to the System by the Commission and the Province amounting to about \$141,149 at October Slat, 1921. It would seem advisable that some provision should be made for the retirement of these cash advances by the establishment of a sinking fund for this purpose.

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Reserve for Contingencies.

No reserve for contingencies had been established at October 31st, 1921, and it would seem to be advisable to set aside such a reserve now or as soon as the System is able to meet all the other operating charges. Power charges should if necessary be slightly increased to allow for the establishment of the reserve for contingencies and when this reserve has been built up by the annual allowances to, say \$8,000 or \$10,000, and the average annual charges against this reserve have been determined by some years of experience, the charge for this reserve in the cost of power night be again reduced.

Discussion of Deficits and Surpluses.

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The following table shows the total annual costs, the total annual revenues, and the annual resultant profit or loss, for the System considered as a whole, the power department and the retail department being considered as one.

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and indicate graphically the result of operations.

The total annual revenue is shown as one curve, the total annual cost as another and the two curves nearer the datum line show the annual resultant profit or deficit, and the accumulated resultant deficit.

It is to be noted that since 1919 there has been improvement in the operating resultant, and that in 1921 there was a profit of about \$8,551. The annual report for the year ending October 31st, 1922, is not yet available, but it is stated that the profit from operations for that year amounted to about \$24,000. This would bring the accumulated resultant to a deficit of about \$8,800, and the trend of the figures and curves indicates that the deficit will probably be wiped on in the year ending October 31st, 1923 and that a small accumulated resultant profit will be shown.

It is probable that the capital expenditures will not be greatly increased for some years, and that the only items tending to increase the cost of operations will be firstly, provision for sinking fund reserves to retire the cash advances made to the System and secondly, the charges necessary to build up a reserve for contingencies, neither of which will be very large. Offsetting these increases there might be a decrease in the reserve for renewals account.

Table of Costs, Revenues, Profits and Deficits

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Total Annual Cost Total Annual Revenues	\$29	,941 ,253	\$73,191 53,896	\$95,097 85,762	\$102,869 111,419
Annual Profits or Annual Deficit	12	.687	19,298	9,335	8,581
Accumulated Deficit	12	,687	31,982	41,317	52,766

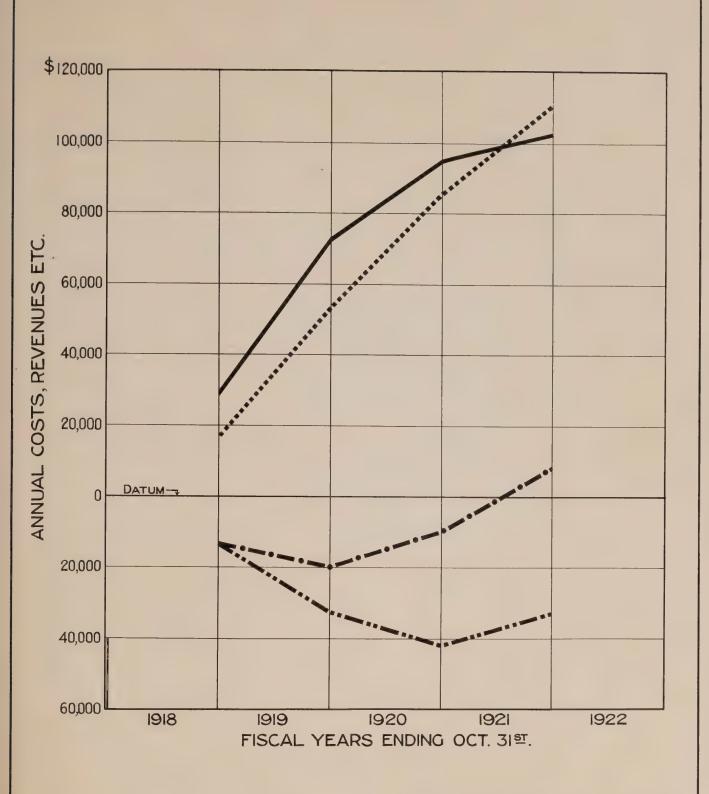
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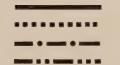
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In order to reduce the total costs of open tion to a basis where they could be compared with other systems, a set of tables and diagrams have been prepared to show the costs per horse-power per annum for different bases of horse-power. The figures have also been analyzed to show the total annual costs subdivided into fractional amounts chargeable against each kind of expense, based on the horse-power purchased per annum.

The table on page 57 and the sheet of curves on page 38 show the total costs per horse-power per annum on different bases. The figures in the table were obtained by dividing the amount spriven for the total costs of power in the table on page 54 by the amount of the total horse-power, on different bases as given in the table on page 19. As the horse-power purchased and the average of monthly peaks in horse-power are the same, the costs per horse-power on these two bases are identical and are shown by the same ourve.

power consumed on the System are not available consequently the table contains horse-power figures under three headings only, and only two curves are shown as the horse-power figures for two of these headings are identical.

A table on page 37 shows the subdivided costs per annum per horse-power purchased under the various headings of power purchased, operating, maintenance, overhead and general expense, interest, renewals and sinking fund. These figures were obtained by dividing the figures for the total annual costs of power, as subdivided under various headings in the table on page 25, by the figure for the horse-power purchased in each year given in the table on page 19.

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 The curves on page 39 are plotted directly from the figures in the table.

If a further analysis be desired a similar table and sheet of curves might be prepared to show the subdivided costs per horse-power on the basis of the maximum yearly peak horse-power, but this has not been done for this report.

The tables are as follows:

Table of Total Costs per Horse-power per Annum

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Table of Subdivided Costs per Annum per Horse-power Purchased

	Piscal Y	ears Enling Octob	er 31st,
	1919	1920	1921
Power Purchased	\$ 50.50	\$ 30.75	\$ 32.00
Operation	6.18	5.01	4.05
ia intenance	16.54	16.39	12.80
bverhead and General Expense	24.30	9.38	11.50
interest	34.60	18.78	17.53
enewals	22.44	13.11	12.60
inking Fund	9.70	4.39	3.92
Total Costs per H.P.	\$166.26	\$ 97.81	\$ 94.38
Total Revenues per H.P.	122.50	88.25	102.20

The total revenues per annum per horse-power purchased are shown in the table above and on the sheet of curves on page 38.

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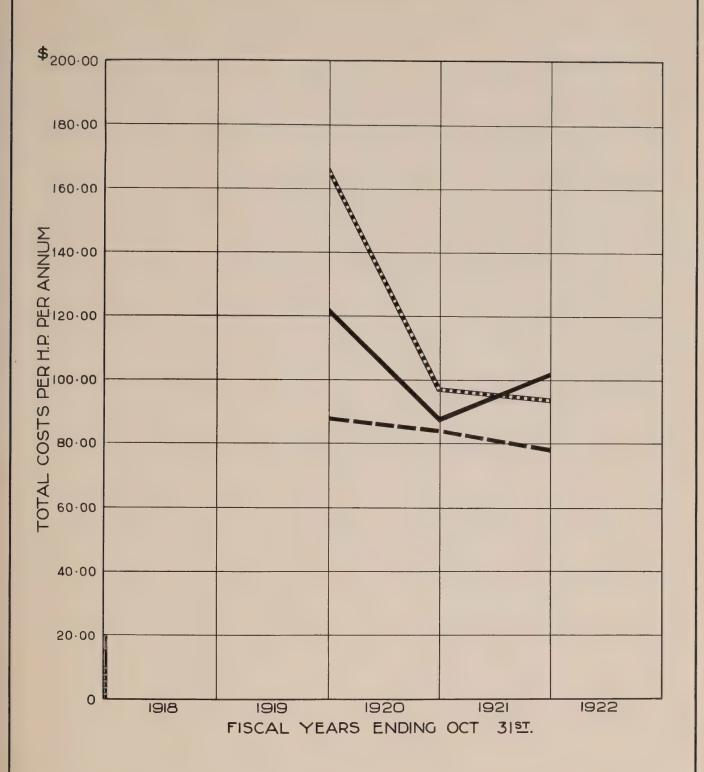
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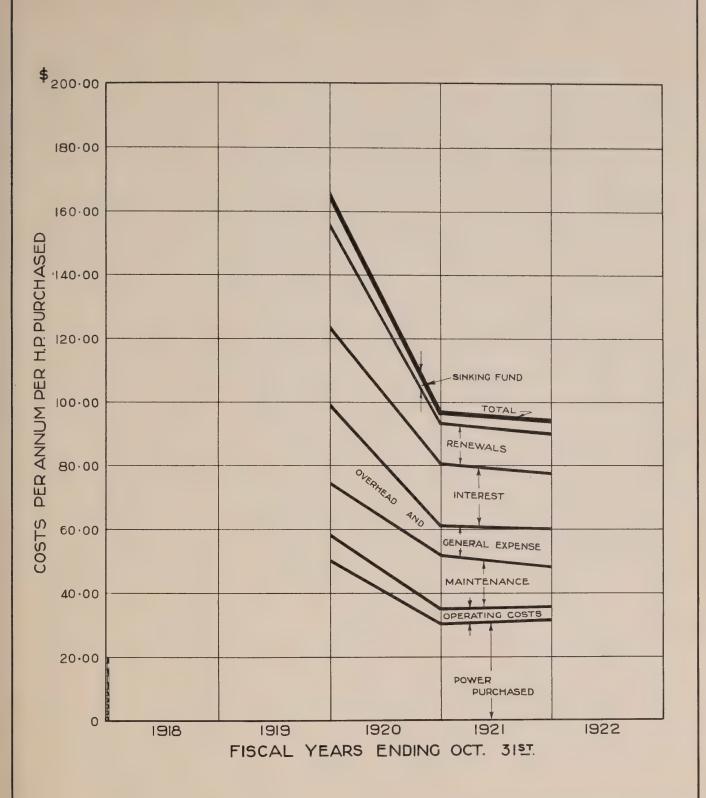
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Kilowatt-hour Data and Annual Revenues and Costs per Kilowatt-hour.

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No figures are available for kilowatt-hours used on the System, and therefore, no analysis of revenues and costs on this basis can be made.

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A summary of a number of the more salient points which have been studied and discussed in the foregoing report may be of advantage in continuing the consideration of the economies of the Basex System. They are as follows:

- The capital costs of the state of tem contain no charge for generating plants, no charge for in occiving stations and but little for intangible values. They do nowever, contain a rather heavy charge for local distributing stations and systems, none of which are owned by the municipalities served. This amount combined with the rather heavy charge for transmission and rural lines makes the total capital cost of the System comparatively high. The load will probably increase gradually and no large increase in capital costs should be necessary to carry it and for this reason it is to be expected that the total capital costs per horse-power will gradually diminish.
- (2) It would not appear to be advisable to make any large expenditure of capital at present for the extension of rural lines as these can be expected to bring in but little revenue.
- (3) The System is owned outright by the Hydro-Electric Fower Cormission both as to the power system and the local distributing systems and none of the municipalities served has signed a contract for its supply of power "at cost".

It would appear that an endeavour should be made to have contracts signed by the municipalities and to have the local distributing systems taxon over by them. As the finances of the System are gradually being placed on a firmer basis it is probable that the municipalities will become more favourably disposed towards acquiring the local distributing systems.

(4) To facilitate future economic studies and to assist in operating efficiency it would be well to keep accurate records of kilowatt-hours used at the various distributing stations and on the System as a whole.

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- (5) The Hydro-Electric Power Commission is the sole distributor of power in the district and is not competing with any private company. The growth in the load indicates an increasing demand for power which will likely continue for some years at least, as an estimate of the power consumed at present gives a rather low consumption per capita.
- (6) The reserve for renewals should be carefully considered in relation to the revised estimated useful life of various portions of the property and also adjusted to allow for the actual cost of money year by year. The point should also be considered whether the reserve should be built up in regard to the full depreciable capital as has been done in the past, or in regard to the twenty-five per cent. Of the depreciable capital not covered by maintenance charges.
- (7) A sinking fund should be set up in respect to the cash advances made to the System by the Province and the Commission in order that they may be retired when the useful life of the capital assets representing these advances will have passed.
- (8) A reserve for contingencies should be set aside to cover loss from catastrophe, bad debts etc. If necessary the cost of power might be increased slightly to allow for setting aside additional reserves for sinking fund and for contingencies.
- (9) Power will undoubtedly continue to be supplied from the Niagara System and there does not appear to be any other feasible source of supply. Such being the case, it would seem advisable to merge the Essex System with the Niagara System at some future date when that course will have become practicable.

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